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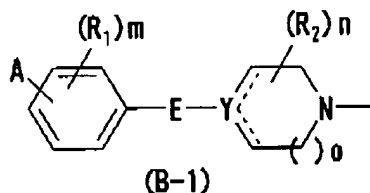
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

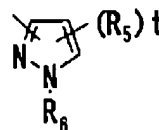
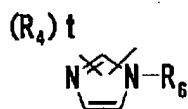
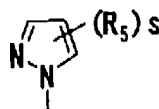
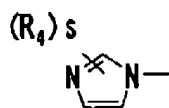
Claim 1 (**Currently Amended**): A compound represented by the formula (1):



[wherein B represents the following formula(B-1):



A represents an imidazolyl or pyrazolyl group represented by the following formula (A-1), (A-2), (A-3) or (A-4):



(wherein  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  each independently represents a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group which may be substituted with G1, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy group which may be substituted with G1, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with G1, or a halogen atom;  $R_6$  represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group which may be substituted with G1, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkylcarbonyl group which may be substituted with G1, or a benzoyl group which may be substituted with G1, or a tetrahydropyranyl group;

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G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, an amino group, a monomethylamino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

s represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

t represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R<sub>4</sub>(s) or R<sub>5</sub>(s) may be the same or different when s or t is 2 or more);

R<sub>1</sub> represents a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which may be substituted with G2, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group which may be substituted with G2, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio group which may be substituted with G2, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group which may be substituted with G2, an amino group (which may be substituted with one or two C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups), a benzoyl group which may be substituted with G2, or a benzyl group which may be substituted with G2;

R<sub>2</sub> represents a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group which may be substituted with G2;

G2 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl group, a nitro group, an amino group, a monomethylamino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom;

m represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 4, and R<sub>1</sub>(s) may be the same or different when m is 2 or more;

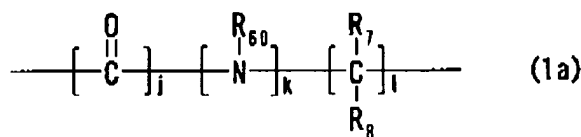
n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 8, and R<sub>2</sub>(s) may be the same or different when n is 2 or more;

o represents an integer of 1;

in the formula (B-1), the dotted line represents a single bond or a double bond and does not simultaneously represent a double bond;

Y represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom, which may have a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen and a hydroxyl or a multiple bond that satisfies a valence;

E represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or the following formula (1a) when Y represents a carbon atom;



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(wherein  $R_{60}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy group, or a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group);  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy group, a  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl group, a  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl group, a  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyloxy group, a  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyloxy group, a  $C_{1-6}$  acyloxy group, a  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with  $G2$ , or a phenyl group which may be substituted with  $G2$ ;

$j$  and  $k$  independently represent 0 or an integer of 1;

$l$  represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 16;

$R_7(s)$  and  $R_8(s)$  may be the same or different when  $l$  is 2 or more);

$E$  represents the formula (1a) when  $Y$  represents a nitrogen atom;

$D$  represents the formula (1a);

$Z$  represents a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl group which is substituted with  $G3$ , or a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl group which is substituted with  $G3$ ;

$G3$  represents the formula:  $NHR_{10}$

{wherein  $R_{10}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy group, or a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group)};

or the formula:  $OR_{11}$

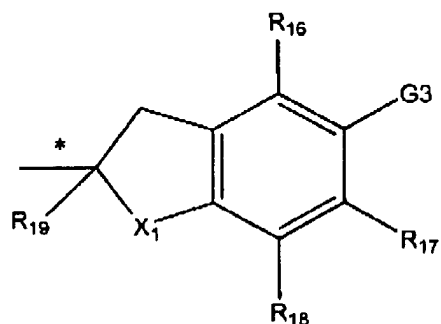
{wherein  $R_{11}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group, a  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy group, a halogen atom, or a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group)}]

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

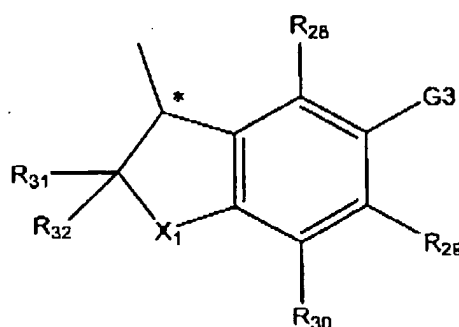
**Claim 2 (Previously Presented):** The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $Z$  represents a group represented by the following formula (Z-2) or (Z-5):

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(Z-2)



(Z-5)

[wherein \* represents an asymmetric carbon atom; X<sub>1</sub> represents an oxygen atom; R<sub>16</sub> to R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>28</sub> to R<sub>32</sub> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, and G3 represents the formula: NHR<sub>10</sub>

{wherein R<sub>10</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group)};

or the formula: OR<sub>11</sub>

{wherein R<sub>11</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a halogen atom, or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group)}]

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 3 (Currently Amended):** A pharmaceutical composition ~~An antioxidant~~ comprising ~~as the active ingredient~~, one or more compounds or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 1 or 2 and an excipient.

**Claim 4 (Cancelled):** A therapeutic method for kidney diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claims 5 (Cancelled):** A therapeutic method for cerebrovascular diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

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**Claim 6 (Cancelled):** A therapeutic method for circulatory diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claim 7 (Cancelled):** A therapeutic method for cerebral infarction, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claim 8 (Cancelled):** A therapeutic method for retinal oxidative damage, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

**Claim 9 (Cancelled):** A therapeutic method according to claim 8, wherein the retinal oxidative damage is age-related macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy.

**Claims 10 – 11 (Cancelled)**